

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: Gwynn Farms, Inc. Inventory Number ~~02-0000~~ PG: 82A-86

Address: 6910 Croom Station Road, Prince George's County - in the vicinity of Upper Marlboro

Owner: ~~Gwynn, Lucille W~~ Charles J. Wyvill, Jr.

Tax Parcel Number: 130

Tax Map Number: 110

Project MD 301

Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no    yes      Name:                      Date:                     

Eligibility recommended    Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria       A      B      C      D                      Considerations:      A      B      C      D      E      F      G   X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no \_\_\_ yes Name of District:

Is district listed?:  X  no      yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

## Description of Property and Eligibility Determination (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Located at 6910 Croom Station Road, this farm complex features a single dwelling which was built c. 1950, a barn which was built c. 1930, and a garage. Vernacular in style, the house is one-and-a-half stories high, and features brick construction, a side gable roof, a shed roof dormer, and a one story porch. The house and the farm buildings are surrounded by open fields; mature trees are clustered around the house.

Located near Crain Highway, this farmstead reflects patterns of development that characterized southern Maryland during the 19th and early-20th centuries. The buildings on the property, such as the house, have probably replaced older buildings from the 19th century. Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie In Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. The opening of the railroad revitalized the practice of agriculture in southern Maryland. Beginning in 1873, the railroad operated a freight train to Baltimore once a week to carry local produce. In the 1880s, land values in southern Maryland rose rapidly in response to increased profits from agriculture. Prince George's County continued to be dominated by its agricultural heritage

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Eligibility recommended ~~Eligibility not recommended~~

Criteria: A B ~~C~~ D Consideration ~~A B C D E F G~~ None

**Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Reviewer, NR Program

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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during the first half of the 20th century. Its population between 1910 and 1930 rose from 36,000 to almost 60,000 people, but its population growth was primarily limited to the settlements of the new towns and villages brought about by the Baltimore and Potomac rail lines. After its construction began in 1922, Crain Highway benefited both Charles and Prince George's County in opening up the area around the new artery to increased residential and commercial development. The development along Crain Highway was not as intense in Prince George's County as it was in Charles County. The farmers closer to the urban markets of Washington began to diversify their crops and began to produce more products for the urban populations. Grains and potatoes were in demand in the cities and the access to the rail lines within Prince George's County assured the farmers' crops safe and easy delivery to the urban centers.

This farmstead, with early- and mid-20th century buildings is not eligible for the National Register. It lacks significance related to events, persons or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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WYVILL, JR.  
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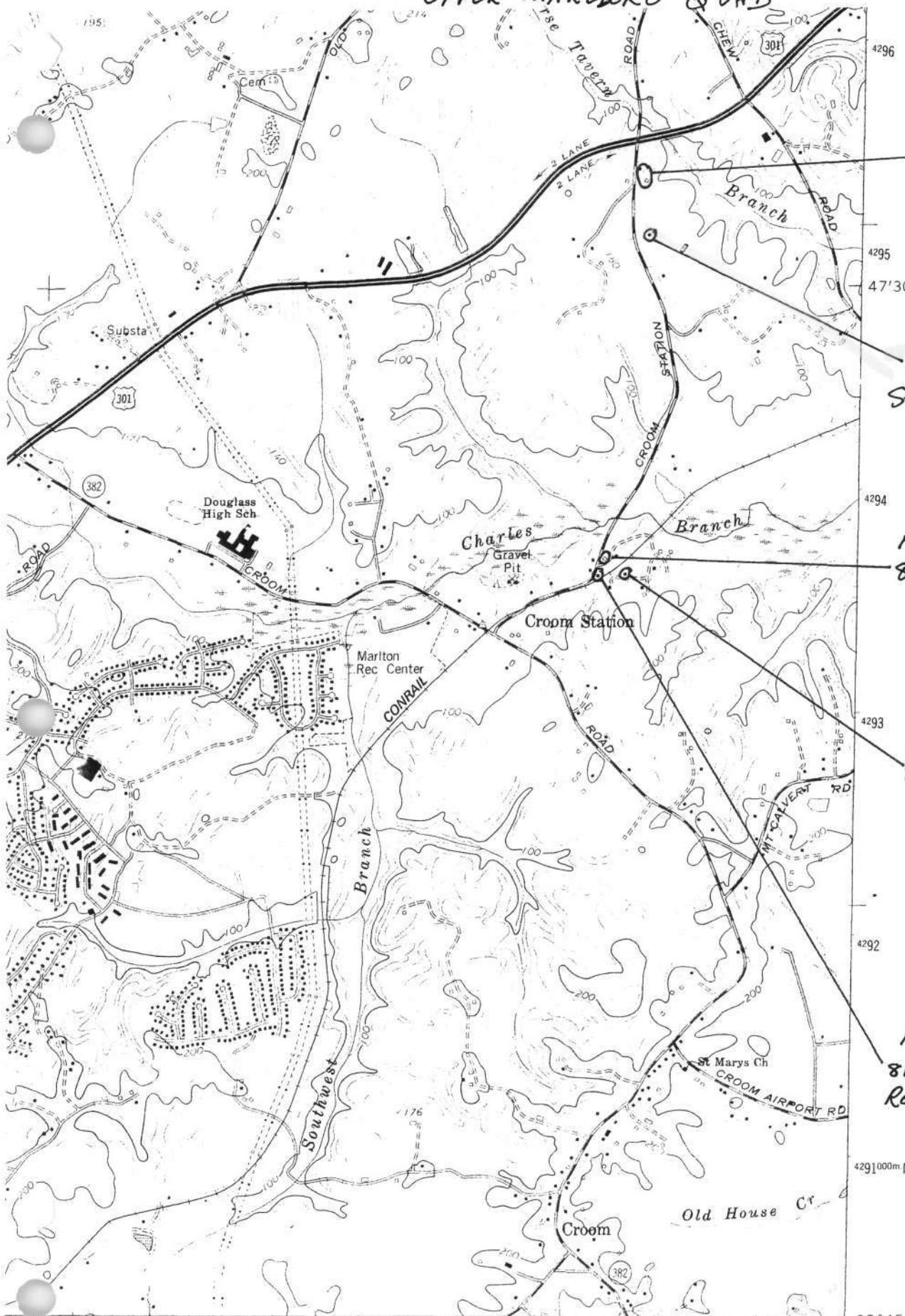
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Prince George's County, MD  
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# UPPER MARLBORO QAD



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6704 Croom  
Station Rd.  
(Prince Georges  
County)

PG: 82A-86  
6910 Croom  
Station Rd. (PG)

PG: 82A-87  
8014 Croom Station  
Rd. (PG)

PG: 82B-46  
8010 Croom Station  
Rd. (PG)

PG: 82A-88  
8100 Croom Station  
Road (PG)

47'30" 345 346 38°45' 76°45' 4291000m N

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON, VIRGINIA—1978  
NAYLOR 3 MI 347000m E  
11 MI TO MD 381

## ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty  
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt

(LOWER MARLBORO  
5061 11 N



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View looking south  
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